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Mr. David Simonson
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RE: Proposed Schedule Changes for
OUs 2 and 3

Dear Mr. Simonson:

We have reviewed the proposed schedule changes for completion of a OU 2 (Woman Creek) IM/IRA and Draft OU 3 Work Plan contained in your letter 1045 (11 February 1991). This letter constitutes approval of the subject request, and establishes new due dates as follows:

OU 2 Treatability System Installation	12 APR 1991
OU 2 Begin Treatability Testing	15 APR 1991
OU 3 Draft Ph I RFI/RI Work Plan	07 JUL 1991
OU 3 Final Ph I RFI/RI Work Plan	06 DEC 1991

We are very disappointed to hear that the IM/IRA will not be in place as scheduled to capture Spring flows, but a look at the current status of this effort and the calendar makes it clear that system installation within the time remaining is no longer possible. Nonetheless, we wish to emphasize that completion of this action at the earliest possible date is imperative in order to meet established commitments and eliminate a potential threat to public health and the environment.

With respect to OU 3, this delay could complicate attempts to coordinate the RI with the water diversion project proposed by local municipalities. Information from the RI can help to assess impacts resulting from this project. Given the delay, we strongly suggest the RI scoping incorporate maximum flexibility and/or

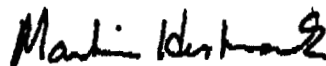
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acceleration of field and analytical efforts to allow for the necessary coordination of DOE and municipality activities in OU 3. EPA and CDH are prepared to work as closely as necessary with DOE to alleviate logistical conflicts between these two projects.

While EPA and CDH are approving the new dates as requested; we do so with the expectation that no further delays will be encountered, and on the condition that these extensions will not affect any other IAG schedule nor constitute grounds for seeking additional extensions. If you have questions or would like to discuss the progress of these efforts, please contact Bill Fraser (294-1132) or Joe Schieffelin (332-4421).

Sincerely,



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